

that passed the Senate yesterday. What they want is a stimulus for Main Street. They know the best stimulus is a job.

They do not want the Democrat big government stimulus bill that was passed across in the other Chamber yesterday. They know that stimulus should be targeted, it should be immediate, it should be temporary, and it should yield results.

Yesterday's bill brings us \$400 million on social services block grants, \$300 million for green golf carts, \$198 million on the DHS headquarters consolidation, \$300 million on FBI construction, \$125 million for District of Columbia water and sewer projects.

What they want is focused, targeted stimulus, not a big bill that our children and grandchildren are going to continue to pay for the rest of their lives. Let's oppose this bill. Let's focus on targeted stimulus that will yield results.

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#### HOOVERVILLE IS COMING AROUND

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, there is a saying that what goes around comes around. And the Republicans have adopted this as their mantra for their response to the American economic problem. Republican President Herbert Hoover presided over the Great Depression and stood by while millions of Americans stood in soup lines and unemployment lines. It produced Hoovervilles across the land, a kind of how-to guide on what not to do during an economic crisis.

Today, Republicans are replaying the same old movie, responding in the same old way. And they offer America the same old outcome. Hooverville is the model community of the Republican plan to solve America's economic crisis. You won't need a mortgage in a Republican Hooverville because the town is already bankrupt. You don't need a stimulus package to revive the economy in a Hooverville because it is a Republican-planned community, and they have planned for soup lines and unemployment lines. And you won't see light at the end of the tunnel in Hooverville, because they drove the economy into the ditch over the last 8 long years. And they offer an economic plan to drive it deeper.

What goes around comes around. And Hooverville is right around the corner. Republicans offer America an economic blueprint called "Hooverville." It didn't work the last time, and it won't work this time.

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS SHOWS FAIRNESS IN FACT-CHECKING PRESIDENT OBAMA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is just as important to recognize examples of fair reporting as it is to criticize biased news. Earlier this week, the Associated Press released an article fact-checking President Obama's claims about the economic stimulus package. The AP found that the President "had it both ways" when at first he bragged about getting Congress to produce a stimulus with no pork, but later boasted the stimulus would do good things for pet projects in Indiana. The AP also found the President guilty of "projecting job creation numbers that may be impossible to verify and glossing over some ethical problems that bedeviled his team."

Americans count on the media to check the facts on important issues and report the truth about officials in both parties. Fair reporting like this will go a long way towards restoring Americans' trust in the media.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL

(Mr. CHILDERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a bit of good news today. This is a great day in this body because on this day, a great man will become the longest-serving Member of this House. This is especially important to me because the record he is breaking belonged to that of my predecessor once removed, the great Jamie Whitten, my wonderful boyhood friend and hero. But today, Chairman JOHN DINGELL from Michigan will break that record. On this day, when the sun came up this morning, he became the longest-serving Member of the United States House of Representatives.

He is a great man, a gentleman, a man's man, if you will, and a giant in this institution, a record that will no doubt probably never be equaled or broken. I had the great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to know them both. I had the great pleasure to know what great public servants they were. I had the great pleasure to call them both my friends and one of them my colleague. I will remember this day a long, long time.

And I salute you, Chairman DINGELL.

#### TAX CUTS, NOT HANDOUTS

(Mr. McCAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a Trojan horse for billions of dollars in pork spending under the guise of a stimulus. This \$1 trillion bill is designed to spend taxpayer money on programs that have nothing to do with creating jobs. It takes a step toward government-controlled health care and takes limits off of welfare spending to create endless handouts.

This should be about creating jobs, not about making work. We can do this

with long-term, meaningful tax cuts. The President's own economic advisers say the Republican plan will create twice the jobs for half the cost.

We cannot spend our way out of debt. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that long-term, this bill will cause more harm than good. Yet Democrats intend to spend the equivalent of \$1 million a day for the next 3,000 years. The hardworking people in my district are also hurting from this economy. But under this bill, their tax dollars will only dig a deeper hole for us to climb out of.

#### DEMOCRATS WILL TURN THIS ECONOMY AROUND

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, when the Clinton administration concluded 8 years, it had created 23 million jobs. It left the new administration with a \$236 billion surplus and an estimated \$5.6 trillion of projected surpluses. It took only 4 years to turn that surplus into deficits. And now when this administration leaves office, they leave this country with an annual deficit over \$1 trillion. They have doubled our public debt—from \$3.4 trillion to \$6.4 trillion—of the amount of debt held by the public.

And it began because instead of balancing the budget, as President Bush the 41st had done and President Clinton succeeded in that policy, they threw the PAYGO concept aside, gave us two tax cuts in 2001 and 2003, and bankrupted this country. And that is why we have to act this week to restore our fiscal solvency.

#### THE SKY IS FALLING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the sky is falling, the sky is falling, but never fear, the Federal Government is here. But in another failed attempt to save the day, the administration announced they would use the full force of the government to spend our way out of this crisis. Congress hasn't even passed the \$835 billion stimulus package and the Treasury Department announces \$2 trillion more for the bailout for the fat cats on Wall Street. With that new emerging threat on the horizon, the stock markets tanked.

Government is not the answer. They are the problem. These ideas do little to address the economic situation. It is just more scare tactics and government-savior rhetoric. Reagan once said that the most feared words in the American language are, "We are here from the Federal Government, and we are here to help you."

The Federal Government can't spend money it doesn't have. This will be debt that Americans yet to be born will